

# Michigan State Police

## ***Crash Advisory # 11***



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### ***I investigated a school bus crash that had 37 students onboard. Do I need to include the names of all the passengers?***

NO. We only collect information on INJURED passengers. It would be helpful to add "37 uninjured passengers onboard" in the crash diagram and remarks portion of the UD-10, but only include information in the passenger section about passengers if they are INJURED.

If you are reporting a FATAL bus crash you only have to include all injured passengers and the driver. This is the only time you would exclude uninjured persons in a fatal crash.

### ***John Smith was outside his disabled car (Unit #1), pushing it down the road toward a gas station. Along came Unit #2 and hit Smith's car. The driver of Unit #2 was ticketed; John Smith was not. Do I show Smith as the Driver of Unit #1?***

NO. John Smith should be listed as a witness and owner if applicable. This would be a two-unit crash, with one of the units being driverless. If either vehicle had struck John Smith, he would then be listed as a pedestrian in unit three.

A driver is an occupant who is in actual physical control of a transport vehicle or, for an out-of-control vehicle, an occupant who was in control until control was lost. **Refer to Section 2.2.37 of the ANSI D 16.1-1996 Manual on Classification of Motor Vehicle Traffic Accidents sixth edition.** <http://nsc.org/mem/htsd.htm>

### ***Is Unit #1 always the "at fault" driver?***

Some agencies teach officers to always show Unit #1 as the "at fault" driver, but we do not track who was "at fault," so it does not matter to us. If your agency has such a policy that is fine, but we do not require it.

### ***Helpful reminders***

-Be sure the number of units at the top of the form matches the number of units filled out on the form. Do not include non-contact vehicles in the number of units.

-Unit #1 must always be on the front, and unit #2 must always be on the back of an original UD-10 form.

-A deer is not a unit!

***Please Distribute to All Personnel Who Complete or Review Traffic Crash Reports***

